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### **NEW FREEWAY RAMP WILL MAKE IT EASIER, SAFER TO NAVIGATE FROM SAN GABRIEL RIVER FREEWAY TO SAN BERNARDINO FREEWAY**

**BALDWIN PARK** – Caltrans began construction on a new connector from the southbound San Gabriel River Freeway (I-605) to the eastbound San Bernardino Freeway (I-10) that will improve safety and ease congestion for 200,000 daily commuters.

“We’re building a new ramp that will make it less stressful for motorists to safely travel between these two busy freeways,” said Caltrans Director Malcolm Dougherty.

Currently, commuters traveling on southbound I-605 to eastbound I-10 have a very short distance to merge, causing lengthy traffic backups. Once completed, the new ramp will provide a direct connection between the freeways that will ease backups and improve safety because motorists will no longer need to weave through traffic to merge onto I-10.

Caltrans is using an innovative process on this project called design-build that allows a contractor to design as well as construct a project, which is expected to accelerate the completion of the ramp. Part of more than \$500 million worth of freeway improvement projects underway in the San Gabriel Valley, this \$66 million project is the first design-build freeway project in Los Angeles County that is funded entirely by state taxpayer dollars.

The contractor for the connector ramp is MCM Construction, Inc. of North Highlands, California. The project is expected to be finished by summer 2014.

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